



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Bruce, Assistant Chief of Police

**FROM:** Officer B. J. Willis

**SUBJECT:** MDC Disposal

**DATE:** October 16, 2008

We currently own 31 mobile data computers (MDC's) that are old and not used and in storage due to recent replacements by the new Panasonic Toughbook computers. These were replaced due to lack of current technology and required expenses for maintenance. The older MDC's (2002 -2005 models) were not built to carry in and out of the patrol unit, nor were they configured for the amount of processing and speed required of our patrol officers today. Some of these computers work and some do not however none work efficiently with our current software. These MDC's have less processing power and speed of the current Toughbooks, making it inefficient to complete reports in the field (eliminating down time for officers) or complete any online views of maps or video's from the schools. It was much cheaper for our agency to acquire new equipment to keep updated with current technology than to repair or maintain these outdated MDC's. The purchase of the Toughbooks also allowed officers much broader access to programs needed out in the field. The new Toughbooks can also be removed from the vehicle and taken with the officer to complete tasks whereas the 31 MDC's were not equipped with batteries for similar tasks. One of the MDC's will be transferred over to the Municipal Court.

Several area agencies have expressed interests and needs in acquiring these computers and related mounting hardware for use in their public safety duties. These agencies are Celina Police Department, Lucas Fire Department, Fairview Fire Department, and Parker Fire Department. I am requesting permission to donate 30 of these outdated MDCs to these agencies.

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the stored equipment with specific information as to make, model, serial, asset tag numbers, and the agency as to whom the MDC will be given if permitted. Two of these MDC's are still in service at the police department. One MDC, a Datalux TracerII, is currently assigned to be issued to Lucas Fire Department when our new Tahoe's arrive, upon approval of donation.

All data will be removed from the MDC's prior to being transferred to these agencies as well as completing a re-image and clean install. Each agency requesting MDC's

understands it is their responsibility to repair or install any needed software. The City of Frisco, nor the Police Department will incur any expenses in this donation of property. Basically these are very outdated laptop computers with no software, some can be configured to work, some not.

Upon approval I will also complete an asset disposal form.